RESOLUTION NO. 2014-01
of the
ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE PEARLIE S. REED, FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

WHEREAS, Mr. Pearlie Reed began his conservation career as a student trainee working in the Walnut Ridge, Arkansas Soil Conservation Service office in 1968;

WHEREAS, Mr. Pearlie Reed has served the USDA Soil Conservation Service at the District, State, and National levels, including being appointed Assistant Secretary of Agriculture by President Obama;

WHEREAS, Mr. Pearlie Reed has advanced conservation internationally, through his work with both Australian and South African governments as well as his service on the Board of Directors of the International Soil Conservation Organization;

WHEREAS, Mr. Pearlie Reed has distinguished himself through special assignments such as chairing the National Plant Materials Advisory Committee, the Food and Agriculture Council, the USDA California Drought Task Force, the USDA Air Quality Task Force, the NRCS/SCS Reinvention Project, and the USDA Chesapeake Bay Protection and Restoration Program;

WHEREAS, Mr. Pearlie Reed is an authority on wetland conservation, water management, erosion and sediment control, nutrient management, urban conservation, animal husbandry, wildlife conservation, farmland protection, and soil science;

WHEREAS, with all that Mr. Reed has accomplished nationally and internationally, he never forgot his roots and would always listen to calls for help from home and delivered results that provided long lasting environmental and economic development benefits to Arkansas.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved in unanimous accord by the members of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission assembled in Magnolia on May 16, 2014, that Pearlie S. Reed be duly recognized for his efforts to ensure that Arkansas remains both the Natural State and the Land of Opportunity.

Adopted this 16th day of May, 2014.

Arkansas Natural Resources Commission

Corbet Lamkin, Chair

ATTEST:

J. Randy Young, P.E.
Executive Director